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Army Medical Department Names MC4 Product Management Office 2005 Mercury IM/IT Team of the Year

*Organization Also Earns 2005 Military Health System, Army Medical Information Systems
Information Management Team of the Year Award*

Fort Detrick, Md., Feb. 23, 2006 – Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) Product Management Office was named the Army Medical Department's (AMEDD) 2005 Mercury Information Management/Information Technology (IM/IT) Team of the Year at the HIMSS 2006 annual awards ceremony in San Diego last week. MC4 also earned the 2005 Military Health System, Army Medical Information Systems/Information Management Team of the Year Award.

"These awards are great recognition for the hard work and dedication the MC4 program has taken to accomplish our mission," said LTC Edward Clayson, MC4's Product Manager. "But our job has just begun. As we fall in with Soldiers in Afghanistan, we will be sustaining the most comprehensive medical information technology system ever deployed in theater."



Used by deployed medical professionals to securely record and share Service members' medical records, MC4 was fully implemented in the 86th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) in Iraq in 2005. As a result, the 86th CSH became the first deployed hospital in the history of U.S. warfare to electronically capture Service members' healthcare treatments using a joint medical software system.

Additionally in 2005, MC4 reached three major programmatic milestones – including a Full Material Release – that enabled the successful deployment of 6,500 systems into Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar, and training to more than 2,500 deployed medical and ancillary personnel. As a result, MC4 facilitated the transfer of more than 170,000 medical records from the battlefield to the United States.

"Documenting healthcare for America's sons and daughters is paramount," said BG Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity and former Commander of the 44th Medical Command. "MC4 has proven it can provide this capability, so the next step is to ensure we are utilizing the system to its utmost potential."

The Mercury Award recognizes the AMEDD team that makes significant accomplishments and demonstrates outstanding excellence and achievement in IM/IT. The award's name is a reflection on Task Force Mercury, a major effort that significantly reengineered IM/IT management and processes in the AMEDD.

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Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) develops, fields and supports a medical information management system for Army tactical medical forces, enabling a comprehensive, life-long electronic medical record for all service members, and enhancing medical situational awareness for operational commanders. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., MC4 is under the oversight of the Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) at Fort Belvoir, Va. For more information on MC4, visit www.mc4.army.mil.

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